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Assignee: Azanda Network Devices

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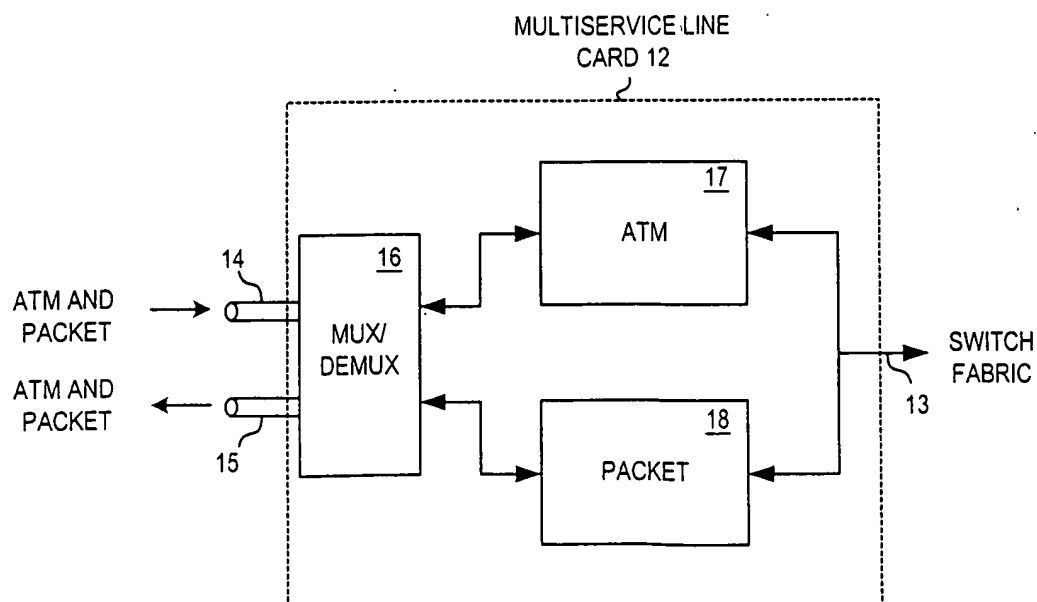
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FIRST INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants and the undersigned bring the Examiner's attention to the diagram below and certain work that may have taken place or may be taking place at Northern Telecom Ltd. The diagram below is intended to reflect a line card 12 that allegedly was designed by or is being designed by Northern Telecom Ltd.



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Line card 12 is coupled to a switch fabric of a router by interface 13. Cell and packet traffic received from fiber optic cable 14 and transmitted on fiber optic cable 15 are time division multiplexed/demultiplexed by TDM device 16. Cell traffic is handled by one integrated circuit device 17, whereas packet traffic is handled by a different integrated circuit device 18.

The undersigned has spent considerable effort and time attempting to ascertain more details about the line card 12. The undersigned has interviewed individuals at Azanda Network Devices who used to work at Northern Telecom in an attempt to find out more concrete details about the line card, but the individuals interviewed were unable to provide more detail. The details of the line card, even those details illustrated, are not clear in their minds.

In an attempt to be absolutely forthright and candid with the Patent Office, the undersigned is submitting this Information Disclosure Statement. It contains the best information the undersigned has. The Examiner is requested to use the resources at his/her disposal and to search the Patent Office files for any patent applications Northern Telecom may have filed directed to such a line card.

Applicants are unable to state that the line card illustrated is prior art. Consequently, no such admission is being made here. If the Examiner would like to contact the undersigned, the undersigned can be reached at (925) 485-9923.

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